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**Office Action Summary**

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 November 2001.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 07/01/02.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Specification*

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 2, line 25 it appears the phrase "After the receiver (user) has decided that he wants..." should be changed. It is not clear if the receiver or the user makes the decision.

Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Schlarb et al (6,671,879)**.

As to claim 1, note the **Schlarb** reference figures 1-2, discloses method for pay-per-view system and further discloses method of reproducing received content information comprising the steps of:

A step of receiving (fig.1, Home Communications Terminal 'HCT' 155) coded content information (Pay-per-view 'PPV' services, fig.1 and col.3, lines 36-47) from a sender (Headend 'HE' 100);

A step of reproducing the received coded content information (HCT-155, reproduces previews of the PPV services, figs.2 and 5, col.2, line 60-col.3, line 17 and col.4, lines 4-28);

A step of deciding whether or not the decoded content information should be received (col.4, line 41-col.5, line 9 and col.8, lines 1-11);

A step of sending a signal indicating that decoding information should be sent by the sender, (col.7, lines 38-67 and col.8, lines 30-64), note that the user watches previews of the PPV services, and receives a purchase prompt upon interacting to a particular PPV preview;

A step of receiving decoding information, a step of decoding the coded content information and a step of reproducing the decoded content information (figs.6-10, col.8, line 65-col.9, line 36), note that the purchase status is completed, HCT-155 receives and decodes the coded content from HE-110.

As to claim 2, Schlarb further discloses decoding the coded content information comprises the adding of least significant bits of the content information (col.9, lines 1-36).

As to claim 3, the claimed "Device for reproducing received content information..." is composed of the same structural elements that were discussed with respect to the rejection of claim 1.

Claim 4 is met as previously discussed with respect to claim 2.

***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

LaJoie et al (5,850,218) disclose inter-active program guide with default selection control.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Annan Q. Shang** whose telephone number is **571-272-7355**. The examiner can normally be reached on **700am-400pm**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Christopher S. Kelley** can be reached on **571-272-7331**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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